<u>ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT</u> SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573

Assigned Recall No. <u>03V-053</u> by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: February 13, 2003

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SUBJECT: 5,400 Mazda 2002-2003 MPV mini vans equipped with front fog lights. The fog light bulb socket may have been installed improperly. If the vehicle continues to be used with this condition, the bulb socket and the wiring harness may separate from the fog light housing if exposed to shock and/or vibration and drop inside the bumper. Should this occur, the operation of the fog light may then cause the bumper to burn. Mazda Recall No. 0903C.

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written only if we have additional comments or concerns.

We have reviewed your draft owner notification and are suggesting a few changes. Please change the word "determined" to "decided" in the second paragraph, i.e., "Mazda...has decided...". Also under the problem paragraph, instead of "...the operation of the fog light may then cause the bumper to burn, could you state that as "...the operation of the fog light may then cause a fire in the bumper."

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to nurchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during March 2003. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2003.

If you have any questions, please call:

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